

GRASSES

ADAGIO

Compact clump-forming grass with slender silvery foliage that becomes orange, gold and burgundy in fall. Flowers emerge pink in summer, changing to a silvery white. This vigorous grower reaches a height of 4 to 5 feet and a width of 3 feet. Full sun Zone 6



CAROUSEL BLUESTEM

Nice blue-green grassy foliage in summer. Eye-catching pinkish tan flower stalks in late summer. Foliage and seed heads turn pretty shades of pink, orange and brown in fall and remain interesting over the winter. This ornamental grass is fairly compact, just shy of three feet tall and wide. Full sun. Deer resistant. Zones 3–9.



CLOUD NINE

This ornamental switch grass cultivar is reportedly the tallest of the switch grasses, typically growing 5-7' tall. It forms a narrow, erect clump of light metallic blue foliage (to 6') which is topped in summer by finely-textured, golden flower panicles which hover over the foliage like an airy cloud. Full sun Zone 5-9



FEATHER REED, CHEJU-D

Brown-gold plumes appear in late summer through early fall. Prefers full to part sun. Dwarf form of Karl Foerster. This plant grows 3-4 feet tall with a 1-2 foot spread. Full sun Zone 5



HAMLEN DWARF

Dwarf Fountain Grass offers arching, deep green foliage in a compact growth habit. This variety has leaves that are deep green in summer, changing to orange-bronze in fall and eventually will turn to beige in late fall. Silvery to pinkish-white, wheat-like tufts arch outward from the clump in late summer. Flower spikes turn brownish as the seed forms, and persist until late fall. This warm season grass prefers medium to wet soils in full sun. This grass grows up to 18-24 inches tall and 20-24 inches wide. Full sun Zone 5-8



KARL FORESTER

Karl Foerster is a hybrid feather reed grass cultivar which is valued for its early bloom, vertical lines and ability to grow in wet soils. It is a slowly-spreading, clump-forming, cool season ornamental grass which features an erect, slightly arching, slender clump of narrow, stiff, rich green leaves growing to 3' tall and 2' wide. Leaves produce little fall color. Full sun Zone 5-9



LITTLE BLUESTEM

Little bluestem is a tidy, finely textured clumping grass with a blue-green summer color. Its silvery seed heads rise to a height of nearly 2 feet in late summer and are at their best when backlit in the morning or afternoon sun. In fall, the grass turns a rosy rust color that lasts all winter. This plant grows in full sun only and the height and spread gets up to 1-3 feet. Full sun Zone 4-9



MAIDEN

A tall, graceful, clumping Ornamental Grass growing 4 to 6 feet tall and 3 to 6 feet wide, up to 8 to 10 feet tall when in flower. The slender, weeping leaves are silvery-green and turn golden bronze in fall. The flowers are white fan-shaped plumes in fall that extend above the foliage. Full Sun. Zone 5



PRAIRIE FIRE

Prairie Fire is a distinctly red form of switch grass. Blue-green spring foliage turns shades of deep red by early summer and butter yellow in late fall. The grass persists into winter. Prairie Fire has a fibrous root system that grows to more than 10 feet deep, making it drought tolerant. Plant in full sun, and divide every three years to manage the vigorous growth. The growth of the Prairie Fire reaches up to 3-6 feet tall and can get 1-3 feet wide. Full sun only. Zone 5-9



SHENANDOAH

Excellent selection of bright red Switch Grass, foliage and blooms begin to color up by early summer. A good substitute for Japanese Blood Grass. Has an average height and width of 2 to 3 feet or 4 feet tall in bloom. Full sun. Zone 4



LIRIOPE, BIG BLUE

Grass-like perennial reaching 12 to 18 inches tall and wide, forming a clump of strap-shaped dark green leaves. Lilac buds and flower spikes appear in late summer, followed by black berries. Excellent groundcover or border plant. Sun to shade. Zone 6



LIRIOPE, SPICATA

This Liriope species is a grass-like perennial which forms a clump of narrow, arching, glossy, dark green leaves typically growing 9-15" high. Erect flower spikes with pale lavender to white flowers arise, somewhat hidden, among the leaves in late summer. Flowers often give way to blackish berries in fall. Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Zone 4-10



LIRIOPE, VARIGATED

Green and white striped grass-like leaves make a colorful border or highlight a group planting. Deep purple flowers on tall stems bloom in late summer and are intensified by the variegated leaves. Grows 6 to 12 inches tall and 8 to 12 inches wide. Sun to shade. Zone 6



RIVER OATS

This clump-forming, upright, ornamental grass is a Missouri native plant which typically grows 2-5' feet tall. Known for its hanging seed heads that emerge green and turn purplish bronze by late summer. Excellent for dried flower arrangements. Easily grown in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Zone 3-8



SEDGE, BLUE ZINGER

Blue Zinger is a sedge cultivar that features attractive blue-green grass-like foliage. It typically grows in clumps to 10-20" tall. Insignificant greenish-white grass-like flowers appear in summer. It is grown in the landscape for its foliage effect. Easily grown in medium to wet soils in part shade to full shade. Zone 5-9

